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KENNEDY STATEMENT

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(TEXT) WASHINGTON--THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WELCOMES THE STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS KHRUSHCHEV. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY S STATEMENT:

"I WELCOME CHAIRMAN KHRUSHCHEV S STATESMANLIKE DECISION TO STOP BUILDING BASES IN CUBA, DISMANTLING OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, AND RETURNING THEM TO THE SOVIET UNION UNDER U.N. VERIFICATION. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE.

"WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH RESPECT TO RECIPROCAL MEASURES TO ASSURE PEACE IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA.

"IT IS MY (WARMEST) HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD CAN, WITH A SOLUTION OF THE CUBAN CRISIS, TURN THEIR URGENT ATTENTION TO THE COMPELLING NECESSITY FOR ENDING THE ARMS RACE AND REDUCING WORLD TENSIONS. THIS APPLIES TO THE MILITARY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE WARSAW PACT AND NATO COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS TO OTHER SITUATIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WHERE TENSIONS LEAD TO THE WASTEFUL DIVERSION OF RESOURCES TO WEAPONS OF WAR."

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